## House Resolution No. 568

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pride in acknowledging a momentous milestone in the history of a blessed religious institution that has come to play an important role in the lives of many Polk County residents; and

Whereas, on June 23, 2002, the congregation of the Humansville First Baptist Church in Humansville, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary with a special day of celebration; and

Whereas, founded as the Senter Baptist Church on June 18, 1852, in honor of W.B. Senter, who served as the first pastor, the Humansville Baptist Church boasted eleven charter members and a church building that was constructed in the southeast part of town in 1856; and

Whereas, the first associational meeting of the district was held in the Humansville Baptist Church in 1865, following which a new church building was erected on the present site in 1885 at the cost of \$1,800; and

**Whereas**, on June 3, 1936, a motion was passed to change the name of the church to the Humansville First Baptist Church; and

Whereas, the first organized church in Humansville, the Humansville First Baptist Church acquired the first graded choir program in the county in 1955, dedicated an education building in 1956 and a new parsonage for the cost of \$13,500 in 1961, and later completed an auditorium, parking lot, and new educational wing; and

Whereas, members of the congregation of the Humansville First Baptist Church participate in a wide variety of church-sponsored organizations including Women on Missions, the J.O.Y. Club, and T.E.A.M. Kids, and receive much spiritual fulfillment from Pastor Reginald Curtis, Music Minister Dr. Martha Hicks, and Youth Minister Donna Parke:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Pastor Curtis and to the entire congregation of the Humansville First Baptist Church as they proudly celebrate one hundred fifty years of steadfast dedication to the Lord, and in wishing them tremendous peace and prosperity as they continue to serve the Christian mission; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Humansville First Baptist Church.

Offered by

Representative Ken Legan
District No. 145

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 568, adopted March 6, 2002.